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1. MAURITIUS PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM TOLD MEWSMEN ON ARRIVAL IN NEW DELHI APRIL 12 THAT HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS MUCH MORE MAURITIUS COULD DO TO PROTEST ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA. HE REPORTEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT MAURITIUS DID NOT PROPOSE TO TAKE TO THE WORLD COURT ANY ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE 1967 AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH MAURITIUS TRANSFERRED DIEGO GARCIA TO THE UK. HE APPARENTLY ONLY REFERRED TO THE UK UNDERTAKING TO RETURN THE ISLAND TO MAURITIUS IF AT ANY TIME IT WAS NOT NEEDED FOR A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

2. ACCORDING TO UK HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER HERE, PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM TOLD UK HIGH COMMISSIONER IN MAURITIUS THAT MAURITIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER NEW DELHI HAD MADE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT UK VIOLATION OF 1967 AGREEMENT ENTIRELY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM OR APPROVAL OF HIS GOVERNMENT. RAMGOOLAM ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO CONTRADICT HIS HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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3. BRITISH HERE HAVE TALKING POINTS FROM LONDON WHICH
EMPHASIZE THAT MAURITIUS AGREEMENT IN 1967 WAS FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF "DEFENSE FACILITIES" ON DIEGO GARCIA AND NOT SIMPLY
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY. THEY ARGUE THAT MAURITIUS WANT INTO
AGREEMENT ENTIRELY WITH EYES OPEN.
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